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ANOTHER SHAKE.

Population Take Saints' Images and Pray For Mercy.

Palermo, Dec. 30.—A relief train dispatched toward Messina in hope of aiding the earthquake sufferers was forced to return here, being able to go only within ten miles of the stricken city on account of the demolished tracks.

There was a slight short undulatory shock of the earth at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, which, in view of the disastrous results of the recent earthquake, was sufficient to create a terrible panic. There was a general rush to squares and open places accompanied by lamentations and shrieks of fear. Although late in the day, the population invaded the churches and carried out images of saints and sacred vessels. Then they marched in procession through the streets, imploring the cessation of the earthquake scourage.

News from Messina calls for urgent measures there at once. Food especially is the present greatest need, as many are in danger of starvation. All trains are bringing refugees by hundreds from the devastated city.

Cheneys Deaths Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—A dispatch received at the state department from American Consul Gale, at Malta, confirms he reported deaths, of Consul Cheney and wife at Messina. The bodies, the dispatch says, have not been recovered.

Morgan Donates Large Sum.

New York, Dec. 30.—J. Pierpont Morgan has donated \$10,000 to the Italian earthquake sufferers.

Big Fire at Piggott.

Piggott, Ark., Dec. 30.—A \$20,000 fire visited the business section.

Hamlin voted to issue waterworks bonds.

NO MODERN PLEAS.

Bell Says He Will Submit Case to "Horse Sense" of Jury.

Denver, Dec. 30.—C. Burdette Bell, who shot Charles Cuvier Dury of Cincinnati to death because, it is alleged, Dury enticed his wife from him, will permit no modern pleas of defense for the killing when he is placed on trial. According to a statement attributed to him, Bell will leave his case to the "horse sense of any jury," and "brain storms, emotional insanity or anything else of that kind" will be strictly avoided.

Flower Girl at Lafayette Ball.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Lucinda Fountain, the oldest resident of Montgomery, is dead.

She was ninety-five years of age and retained her faculties to the end. Mrs. Fountain was a flower girl at the ball given in honor of General Lafayette when he visited Montgomery in 1826. She delighted to narrate the incidents connected with the visits of the patriotic Frenchman. She was a native of Wellington, S. C.

Wedded to Boston Girl.

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 30.—Manuel Sarabia, an alleged member of the Mexican revolutionist junta, was married here to Miss Elizabeth Trowbridge, a wealthy Boston girl. Sarabia's acquaintance with the young woman began when she paid a visit to Los Angeles, where he was confined before being transferred here. Sarabia is out on bail. Miss Trowbridge was attracted to Sarabia by her interest in Socialism.

To Disfranchise Negro.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 30.—Several of the leading Democrats of Oklahoma met here for the purpose of preparing a bill to be introduced in the legislature next week to disfranchise the negro. Governor Haskell was represented by J. F. Wyand of Muskogee.

Accidental Killing.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 30.—L. J. Chadwick, a boy, accidentally killed himself with a gun.

TRAGIC TERMINATION.

Four Men Go to Another's Residence and Two Dead.

Anderson, Tex., Dec. 30.—Detailed reports from Ulmer Wednesday give the first accurate account of a shooting affray there Tuesday, the result of which is two men are dead. James Bruce, Hamp Giles, Tom Lowe and Hamp Giles, Jr., went to the home of W. B. Estes, all heavily armed, to settle an old feud. Estes met them at the door with a shotgun, and immediately opened fire, it is alleged, Jim Bruce was instantly killed and Hamp Giles fatally wounded dying, Tuesday night.

The difficulty reached its climax Tuesday, it is claimed, between Lowe and Estes. This Estes denies. Wednesday Estes came to Anderson and voluntarily surrendered to the sheriff. He is now in jail here. The other two participants were uninjured, although Estes was slightly wounded in an arm.

PARKER ACCEPTS.

Will Succeed Thompson as Engineer of the Railroad Commission.

Austin, Dec. 30.—The railroad commission received a telegram from R. D. Parker, accepting the position of engineer of the commission, succeeding R. A. Thompson. Mr. Parker was accordingly appointed, effective Jan. 1. He is at present resident engineer of the Houston and Texas Central railway at Ennis.

Governor Campbell not only favors making gambling a finable offence, but also wishes penitentiary punishment. He says he is determined to stop gambling of every character in Texas, including raffles.

Governor Campbell has offered \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction for the next twelve months of any person violating the state law by exploiting gaming devices or permitting the use of premises for gaming purposes. The governor declares many are breaking the law and escaping punishment.

It is reported that Chief of Police Little is slated to succeed Secretary of State Davis. Hon. Monta J. Moore of Cameron has also been mentioned in this connection. The governor is noncommittal.

A number of sheriffs, headed by President Landry of the state association, conferred with the governor and it is understood the latter secured promises that the next convention of sheriffs will take action upholding the governor's course in closing the lid over the state.

A conference was held between heads of the four life insurance companies in state and Commissioner of Insurance Love regarding the affairs of these companies and plans for next year. Those here were Presidents Lindsey of the Southwestern, Dallas; Scott of the American Life, Galveston; Wolters of the Guaranty Life, Houston; Hogsett of Fort Worth Life, and Mayfield of the Texas Life at Waco.

Declare Quarterly Dividend.

New York, Dec. 30.—Directors of the Anaconda Copper company have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share.

The Officers,

Directors,

and

Shareholders

of the

**City National
Bank**

Beg to wish for all our Patrons

Friends and Acquaintances a

Merry Christmas

... AND A ...

Happy New Year!

AUGUST MUELLER DIES.

Pioneer Citizen of Dallas Departs This Life on Wednesday.

Dallas, Dec. 30.—At his residence in this city August Mueller, a citizen of Dallas about forty years and prominently identified with the city's interests, passed away Wednesday morning. Before coming to the United States from Switzerland, his native land, Mr. Mueller was a member of the Swiss guards, on duty at the Vatican in Rome. He was born in 1842.

Will Brant Killed.

Dallas, Dec. 30.—At Desoto, this county, Will Brant was shot and killed. Will Grimes is accused of causing Brant's death.

Held Up by Negro Women.

Dallas, Dec. 30.—George Morgan, a barber, while walking along a street near the union depot, was held up by two negro women and robbed of \$20. He resisted and one of them slightly wounded him on a hand with a razor. The women escaped.

Charles Corlie Found Dead.

Dallas, Dec. 30.—In a room at a local hotel the dead body of Charles Corlie, a painter, was found at an early hour Wednesday morning. He had evidently died several days ago.

"Fortune Seekers" Retained.

Waco, Dec. 30.—Four boys aged ten to twelve, who left Fort Worth, their home to "seek their fortunes," were detained by the police here. Their parents came for them.

Reduction Sale of Men's \$5.00 Shoes this week

We must reduce our stock of Men's high grade Shoes before inventory, therefore we cut the price on any style, Slater & Morrill, W. L. Douglas \$5.00 shoes to

\$3.85

Patent or Plain Leathers.

WILSON & DERDEN

Mr. E. J. Fountain
requests the honor of your presence at the sale of
his full line of
Fancy Groceries
to
His Many Customers
on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th
nineteen hundred and eight
at his store
Bryan, Texas

At The Cozy



CHAS. LAVIVIAN, WORLD'S RE-
KNOWN MAGICIAN.

The king of rope manipulators, \$100 challenge for anyone to tie him with 50 feet to 100 feet of rope so that he cannot release himself. All performed in full view of audience. NO CABINET WORK. Latest novelty act three to five minutes.

Spiritualistic Manifestations
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Telepathy.
Black Art.
Hypnotism.
Illusions.

Matinee Every Day at 3 O'Clock
New Films at Each Performance.

KILLING AT ULMER.

Four Men Shot Down by One Man
With a Winchester.

A phone message from Anderson at 11 o'clock this morning stated that four white men had been shot down by one man with a winchester at Ulmer, a saw mill camp on the T. & B. V. railroad near the old Post mill. Our informant learned that the men shot were two Gilles boys, Jim Bruce and a man by the name of Estes. No particulars could be learned owing to the isolation of the place. Trouble has been brewing up there for several weeks and this is perhaps the culmination of the disturbance.—Navasota Examiner.
Dec. 29, 1908.

An Appreciation.

To each of our customers
who have contributed their
patronage during the past
year and to whom we owe
the progress we have achieved,
we extend our heartiest
greetings and proffer our best
wishes for a
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**
We anticipate that the good
will born us by our customers
and friends will influence
others to divert in our
direction a share of their
patronage the coming year.

EMMEL & MALONEY,
Prescription Druggists.

Phone 66.

AID FOR ITALY.

Efforts to Help the Stricken People
Will Be Made Today.

Relief lists will be circulated here today by a committee of Italian-Americans in an effort to raise funds for procuring necessities for the homeless thousands who still survive the disaster which has overwhelmed a large part of Italy, and who have had everything they possessed swept from them and destroyed in the greatest cataclysm the world has ever known.

Cables yesterday estimated the dead at from 100,000 to 200,000 as a result of the upheaval and the tidal wave which followed.

The need for help is urgent, and it is proper that the citizens of Italian descent should take the initiative in the laudable work.

So far as the Eagle could ascertain yesterday no relatives of any of the Italian citizens of this section are believed to have been injured or suffered loss by the horror. It seems that nearly all of our people came from the west side of the peninsula, while the havoc by the recent upheaval was wrought on the east side.

Important Meeting.

The attention of our readers is directed to the change in date of the meeting called in these columns recently for Jan. 6 at the courthouse in Bryan. The date has been changed to Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 2 p. m. instead of Wednesday the 6th, and the reason for making the change is that the quarterly meeting of the Farmers' Union will be held at Cottonwood Jan. 6 and 7, and it is desired to have all the progressive farmers of the county present at the courthouse meeting. The meeting will be addressed by Prof. C. H. Alvord, a member of the faculty of the A. and M. College, who will speak on the subject of creameries and Mr. R. C. Campbell of Brenham, who will discuss the growing of Irish potatoes in commercial quantities and for the money that can be realized from same. The meeting will be one of interest and value, and will doubtless be attended largely by the progressive element of our farmers.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

(Joe McGee.)

The good old year is passing out,
Soon it will be no more,
The new one comes in with a shout,
With all its life before.
It's time again to make our vows,
And promises anew,
To tell our neighbors and kinfolk
What we are going to do.

We're going to live a better life
And try to do more good,
And never leave our patient wife
To cut her own stove-wood.
Going to spend our evenings home
Instead of at the club,
And when she comes home has to wash
We'll always fill the tub.
Then she will meet us with a kiss,
Just as she used to do,
And home again will taste of bliss,
The sky will seem more blue.

We're going to cut expenses down,
And live within our means,
And have no masters in our town
By giving them no liens.
And when the Lord's day comes—
why then,
We'll always fill our pew,
And when the preacher says amen,
We'll say that amen, too.

Remember, friend, you made this vow
Just one short year ago,
How does your promise stand just
now?

We'd like so much to know,
'Tis best to make no promises,
Unless you make them good,
Lest you behold a fallen wreck
Where once your castle stood.

MARWILL'S CASH GROCERY.

Mr. Henry Marwill Engages in the
Grocery Business— Will
Open Saturday.

Mr. Harry Marwill has closed up his saloon business and will open a full line of groceries in the building which he owns and which has heretofore been occupied by his saloon, at the corner of Main and Caldwell streets.

To The Eagle man, Mr. Marwill stated that it is his intention to do strictly a cash business, and he believes by so doing he can sell goods at a cheaper price than under a credit system.

He will also handle a line of wines and other liquors but no drinks will be sold.

Mr. Marwill has been in business here for the past twelve years or more. He has many friends who will wish him much success in the business which he will in future conduct.

TEXAS TEACHERS.

In Convention, at Austin—Meeting
Well Attended.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 30.—This was another busy and instructive day for the hundreds of teachers in attendance on the annual convention of their State association. A general session was held this forenoon at which the speakers included Dr. J. L. Kesler of Baylor University, Superintendent J. E. Blair of Corsicana, Dr. Margaret Holaday of Austin, and Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs of Terrell.

The afternoon programme was devoted to meetings of the various sections, among the superintendents and principals, county superintendents, classical and high schools. At the general session tonight the chief speakers scheduled are State Superintendent R. B. Cousins and Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth, president of the Conference for Education in Texas.

CAN'T SEE THE RAISE.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 30.—The opposition of California merchants and shippers to the increased freight rates announced by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe roads to become effective with the beginning of the new year is to be voiced at simultaneous mass meetings arranged to take place tonight in many parts of the State. The purpose of the meetings, as stated, in the call for the gatherings, is "to demonstrate to the transcontinental railroads and to the United States that the people of California have no intention of paying the increases of freight rates which it is proposed to put into effect on Jan. 1, 1909."

Cakes and Candy.

I have a nice line of fresh home made Fruit cakes and nice fancy cakes and candy.

Mrs. Otto Boehme.

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The Complete Drugstore
The Satisfactory Drugstore
The Convenient Drugstore
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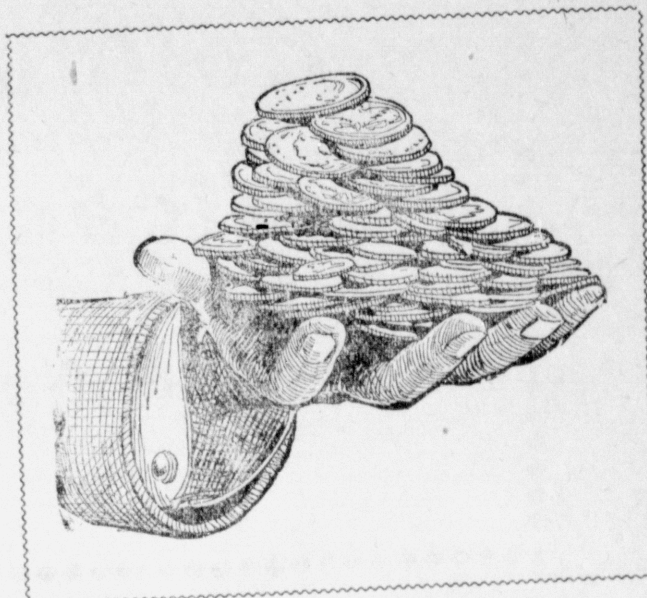
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X mas Suggestions

Xmas Boxes, Paper and Tags, Fountain Pens, Gold Mounted Meerschaum and Briar Pipes, Havana Cigars, Fancy Package Perfumery, Fisher Books and Calendars, Water Color and Novelty Pictures, Club Offers in Magazines, Post Cards and Albums, Huyler's Candies, and Kodaks, Pearl Handle Knives, Safety Razors, Xmas Stationery of All Kinds.

Cavitt's Drug Store

INVENTORY SALE



It's inventory time again! Which do you think we prefer doing—counting hats, shoes, underwear, neckwear, shirts and other furnishing goods, or counting Money? We think you'll answer, Counting Money. Right You Are—We are going to make a supreme effort to convert into money all of our entire stock of Furnishing Goods, Hats and Shoes, that we possibly can before taking inventory, so,

FOR ONE WEEK

Commencing Thursday, Dec. 31st—ending Wednesday, January 6th we will give a clean cut of

One-Fourth Off on Everything

All new Hats, Caps, Shoes and Furnishing-Goods, as well as broken lots, come under the ban. **Nothing Reserved.** Prices are guaranteed to be bona-fide. No marked up prices or tricks. Just a plain fair and square offer to save you money. Take one-fourth off, pay us the balance and the goods are yours. Just figure "One-fourth" off and see what a saving it is. We quote only a few prices to "Show You."

Hats.

We are worse over-stocked on hats than anything else, and can please you in the season's best shapes, colors and values, both stiff and soft hats.

\$3.00 Hats at.....	\$2.25
\$2.00 Hats at.....	\$1.50
\$1.50 Hats at.....	\$1.15
\$4.00 Hats at.....	75c

Shoes and Furnishing Goods.

\$5.00 Article at.....	\$3.75
\$4.00 Article at.....	\$3.00
\$3.00 Article at.....	\$2.25
\$2.00 Article at.....	\$1.50
\$1.00 Article at.....	75c
50c Article at.....	37c

Remember—We have anything you need in Hats, Shoes, Shirts, Underwear, Neckwear, Hosiery, Raincoats, White and Fancy Vests, Overalls, Hunting Coats, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Umbrellas, Suspenders, Garters, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Gloves, Collars and Cuffs, Night Robes, Pajamas, Suit-cases, Cuff-buttons, Watch Fobs, etc. All at "One-fourth off." You know the disadvantage of waiting—come early.

Hunter & Chatham
Men's Furnishers.

ED HALL

Pure Food Distributor

We take the opportunity of again wishing our friends and patrons all the compliments of the season.

Your order for Groceries during the holiday season will be carefully taken care of.

A Merry Christmas

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SELLER OF "SPOTLESS FLOUR."

TIME CARD.

A. C. Schedule.
 Bound.....1:38 p.m.
 Bound.....12:46 a.m.
 Bound.....3:40 p.m.
 Bound.....2:48 a.m.
I. & G. N. Schedule.
 North bound.....12:58 p.m.
 South bound.....4:11 p.m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

ad Hunter & Chatham's ad. 20
 H. H. Henry left Tuesday for Green county.
 W. J. Meads of Kurten was in city Wednesday.
 Mr. W. D. Stallings of Tabor was the city Wednesday.
 Mr. Joe Kopecky of Rye was a visitor to the city Wednesday.
 Miss Lella Andrews of Union Hill was in the city Wednesday.
 Matinee every evening at the Cozy this week only. 22
 Hon. W. C. Davis left on the early morning train today for Austin.
 Mr. R. B. Stevenson left for a business trip to Navasota last night.
 Mr. C. A. Buchanan of Kurten was a visitor to the city Wednesday.
 Mr. W. L. Edge was a visitor from Harris School community yesterday.
 Mr. H. F. Payne of Benchley was a business visitor to the city yesterday.
FOR SALE—A few choice Berkshire brood sows. Inquire I. & G. N. depot. 25
 Mr. L. S. Williams of Coleview nsacted business here Wednesday. r. and Mrs. Ed Zimmerman of en were in the city Wednesday. J. P. Gilpin, one of the enter- ing citizens of the Harris School munity, was a visitor to the city dnesday.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, DEC. 31.

Adelaide Thurston

In An American Comedy of Modern Life,

The Woman's Hour

By Frederick Paulding.

CAST OF SUPERIOR EXCELLENCE
 COMPLETE SCENIC PRODUCTION
 COMEDY OF WIT—MERIT—STRENGTH

Management FRANCIS X. HOPE.

Prices, \$1.00, \$1.50

FOR SALE—A few choice Berkshire brood sows. Inquire I. & G. N. depot. 25

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Car of fine Oklahoma ear corn on track. Phone 53. 20

Dr. Claude Searcy returned to Hempstead yesterday after a visit to his father, Capt. A. J. Searcy of this city.

Mr. H. G. Hearne returned to his home in Sherman yesterday after a holiday visit to his mother in this city.

Mrs. Nannie Rohde and daughter, Mrs. Carl Cole, returned yesterday afternoon from a visit to relatives in Franklin.

Everything at reduced prices. A. J. Wagner and company. 21

Mr. J. K. Presnal, identified with the agricultural interests of the Tabor community, was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Rev. J. A. Challener and Mrs. Challener returned yesterday from a Christmas visit to relatives in Taylor and George town.

Don't fail to see our showing of art squares and rugs. Reduced prices until Jan. 1. James & Nunn. 20

Miss Lizzie Suber returned to Franklin yesterday after a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. H. Suber, residing near College.

Mrs. R. V. Kernole arrived yesterday from El Paso where the Christmas holidays were spent with relatives and friends.

Read Hunter & Chatham's ad. on second page to day. "Do It Now" 20

Everything bright and new in our big stock. Spring mattresses, iron beds, etc. All at reduced prices till Jan. 1. James & Nunn. 20

Mrs. Frank Montgomery has returned to her home in Waco after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Patterson of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Heyeck returned yesterday to their home in Houston after a visit to Mrs. Heyeck's parents, Major and Mrs. C. A. Adams.

A large assortment of rockers, lounges and couches. In fact, a full and complete stock of the newest styles, and finish in furniture, all at reduced prices until Jan. 1. James & Nunn. 20

Mr. H. J. Schlaner of Fort Worth, who spent his Christmas vacation with Bryan friends, returned yesterday to his home in North Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker have returned to their home at Mart after a Christmas visit to relatives and friends in this city and section.

Manager Mike suggests that a most pleasant way to sit out the Old year would be to see Miss Thurston in "The Woman's Hour," at the Grand tonight.

Mr. D. S. Lloyd and daughter, Miss Shirley, and grandson, Mr. Boliver Lloyd, were visitors to the city Wednesday afternoon from their home at Reliance.

Mrs. D. D. Dawson and daughter, Miss Maggie returned yesterday from a trip to Dallas. Mrs. Fred Welch returned with them and will visit here for a while.

Hanan shoes \$6.00 grade now \$4.80. A. J. Wagner & Company. 21

Dr. G. W. Butler, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church of this city but now residing in Dallas, is here for a few days, and is warmly greeted by his many friends.

A new bill at the Cozy last night attracted another large crowd and all seemed highly pleased with the performance. An entire change of program is promised for tonight.

Mr. J. C. Cloud leaves today for his farm out on Route 6. Mr. Cloud has been with the Lawrence cotton ware-

house during the season now closing, and returns to his farm home where he is successfully engaged in agriculture and kindred pursuits.

Mrs. Lizzie Lucas, who has been spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Carnes, left yesterday for Belton to resume her duties as one of the faculty of Baylor Female College.

Mr. H. L. Wilson and son, L. C. Wilson, and Mr. G. W. Wilson and son, L. B. Wilson, were in the city Wednesday. Mr. L. B. Wilson resides at Gilmer, and has been spending the Christmas holidays with his relatives in this county. Mr. H. L. Wilson made The Eagle an appreciated call while in the city.

What Have You Been Waiting For.

A chance to buy what you will need in hats, shoes and furnishing goods for the winter and early spring at a great saving in price. Hunter & Chatham offer this opportunity on their entire stock from Thursday morning, Dec. 30th to Wednesday evening January 6th, 1909. Read their advertisement on page 2 of this issue. 20

THE WEATHER.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Tonight, fair and colder with freezing. Thursday, fair and colder.—Cline.

Weather Notes.

Galveston, Dec. 29.—The disturbance central yesterday over the northern part of Montana has moved eastward to the Red River of the North, and there has been a general rise in temperature from the Rocky mountains to the Mississippi river, except in Texas and Louisiana. The barometric pressure has continued comparatively low over extreme southern Texas. An area of high pressure is central over the north Pacific coast and the temperature has fallen in that section. The pressure is also high over eastern districts, but it has not been attended by any material change in temperature. Precipitation has occurred in west and middle Gulf states and in Tennessee. It has been heavy in the interior of east Texas. Austin reporting 2.90; San Marcos, 2.90; Taylor, 3.52, and Waco, 2.20 inches. At time of report the weather was unsettled over the eastern half of Texas and generally fair over the western, with temperature ranging from 28 degrees at Amarillo to 62 degrees at Galveston.

River Bulletin.

River Stages: In feet and tenths.

Stations	Flood Stage at	Meridian time.)
Brazos River—	stage	S. a. m.
Kopperl	21	0.1
Waco	22.0	2.3
Valley Junction	40.0	5.6

River Forecast.

There will be no important change in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER,
 Section Director.

An Elaborate Setting.

An advance notice says:

"The Woman's Hour," Adelaide Thurston's new play by Frederick Paulding, has been staged in the most lavish manner. Every bit of scenery, every piece of furniture, bric-a-brac, in fact all of the properties no matter how small or unimportant is carried by the company. This, as Francis X. Hope, Miss Thurston's manager, claims, is the only way to insure a complete performance and at the same time present your play as it should be presented. Miss Thurston appears at the Grand here tonight.

FREDERIC DeLAY.

Elected Associate Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering.

Frederic DeLay has been elected associate professor of physics and electrical engineering at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and will arrive to take the position Jan. 4, at the beginning of the new term.

The head position in this department has been vacant during the present session, and there were a large number of applications, but the governing authorities hesitated in selecting a man until they could determine the fitness of the various applicants. Mr. DeLay graduated from the electrical engineering department of the University of Wisconsin in 1902. He has since then taught four years in the department of electrical and mechanical engineering of the Michigan College of Mines, and in the electrical department of the University of Michigan. He comes from the latter institution to the A. and M. and is highly recommended by M. E. Cooley, dean of that school. He has had practical experience in telephone, lighting, power and street car work with the Chicago Telephone company, the Western Electric company of Chicago and the United Railways of Michigan. Mr. DeLay is the son of a southern man, and he has a brother who is a newspaper man and was for a number of years managing editor of the Shreveport Daily Times. He is married and about thirty years of age.

Mr. DeLay has accepted the position.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION.

The Bryan Elks Will Receive Their Friends New Year's Eve.

Arrangements are now about complete for the annual open house reception which the Bryan Lodge of Elks will tender their friends of this city and vicinity Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock.

The Elks cordially invite their friends not only in Bryan, but in adjacent towns, to be present and share their hospitality on this occasion. The lodge has many members in the towns surrounding, and it is expected that all these will be present, as well as others and it is particularly desired that the ladies of Bryan and vicinity honor the reception with their presence. In fact, a special invitation is extended them, and it is hoped that the invitation will be unanimously accepted.

The committee in charge of the affair is composed of Messrs. Osborne Johnson, Hal Saunders and Jack Gordon, which is an assurance in itself that the reputation already achieved by the Elks as hospitable entertainers will not only be maintained, but materially added to.

INDEPENDENCE ITEMS

Correspondence of The Bryan Morning Eagle.

Independence, Texas, Dec. 30.—Christmas is over, and was enjoyed by all the young people of this section.

Mrs. M. A. Holland returned from Mart yesterday, after a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. Onie Hopkins. We had preaching here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker visited their old home in Bryan Christmas.

WHITE LILY.

New Finance Committee.

The finance committee of the First Baptist church of this city as now organized, is as follows: Messrs. Eugene H. Edge, chairman; Webb Howell, C. E. Bullock, E. J. Fountain, W. R. Sanders and E. F. Parks.

33 1/3 Per cent

Discount

On Our Entire Stock

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Mens' Suits

and

Over-Coats

Nothing Reserved

Parks &

&

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THE CLOTHIERS.

There are forty-six manufacturers of sewing machines in America.

How many can you name? How many did you ever hear of? One name comes to the mind of every woman immediately—The Singer—and there is a very good reason.

The Singer company makes and sells as many machines in each year as all the other forty-five combined.

Phone 105, T. A. Satterwhite, salesman and collector.

I am fixed to plow
 GARDENS, PLANT TREES
 CLEAN UP YARDS, LEVEL
 HOUSES, PRUNE TREES, RE-
 PAIR FENCES, ETC.
 Notify me by postoffice.
 MATHEW PIERCE,
 Bryan, Texas.

CANDIES

Luscious, Dainty Confections in our Christmas boxes, make most acceptable gifts to all kinds of folks....

ESPECIALLY

to those, to whom you can think of nothing else to give.

THE SMITH DRUG CO.

J. A. McQUEEN, Manager.

THE AFTERMATH

NECK WEAR

Beautiful neckwear in a limited assortment of this line. Regular 50c quality, special while they last

39c

SUSPENDERS

We have about 3 dozen pairs of handsome suspenders put up in separate boxes, which also go on the bargain counter.

\$1.00 kind **79c**
 75c kind **59c**
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With Christmas Day passed and the festivities of the season drawing to a close, we are placing on sale at specially reduced prices all our holiday goods. These are staples and merchandise of value and you should profit by this sale. We have several lots of seasonable goods we wish to dispose of in order to lighten the burden of stock-taking. You will find bargains on our counters of real value, and the prices slaughtered almost in half on some goods. It will be to your benefit to call at our store and make your selection for specials in anything in Ladies' Ready-to-Wear, also Remnants in Dress Goods, Hosiery for both ladies and gentlemen, also neckwear and suspenders.

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ON THE CORNER

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There are several lots of short lengths in this section of the store, made from our staple goods department, the results of last week's busy shopping calicoes, suitings, etc. These are in all colors and of different patterns; the lengths run from 1-2 yards up to 15 yards in a piece. These are to be marked in plain figures and placed on the Bargain tables for the wise shoppers.

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OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND

Torpedoboot, Which Endeavored to Carry Relief to the Inhabitants of Reggio, Returned With the Information That Nothing but a Heap of Ruins Remains.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily is dead; the other half is weeping. As the great extent of the terrific seismic disturbances become apparent it seems impossible to exaggerate the horrors which followed them. The calamity, which overwhelmed Italy, is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination, not only because of the dead, now known to number tens of thousands, but because of the innumerable wounded buried in the ruins, many of whom perished because it was impossible to rescue them from the wrecks of their former homes. The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned, and at the scenes of the disaster the bulk of the people were literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow. The total number of victims is variously estimated at from 50,000 to 150,000.

King Victor and the queen arrived at Messina Wednesday. As they made their way into the town the scene of the disaster and horror was too much for the queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons swarmed about the royal party, throwing themselves in the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

Many terrible stories are related in connection with the rescue work. The rescuers had to contend with a superstition so deep rooted in the Sicilian mind that in many instances injured men and women clung to crumbling walls, refusing to let go their hold and seek a safer position.

As further facts concerning stricken Messina become available they corroborate in every detail the worst fears heretofore expressed. The cathedral, municipal buildings, barracks and prisons were destroyed, and presumably all smaller buildings shared the same fate. Of the 280 railway employees in the station at Messina only eight are known to have survived, while at Reggio, the silence of death still reigns and leaves to the imagination the terrible havoc wrought by catastrophe, with the horrible crush of the sea swallowing up boats; and crushing ships, and the destruction of bridges and walls.

Cable communication with the Aolian islands, twenty-five miles west of Sicily, was interrupted. It is evident the line is broken and it is feared the islands have also been destroyed. The largest of the group is the Island of Larpalai, and its capital town has a population of 12,000.

Information from Palermo says a torpedoboot which went to aid the earthquake sufferers at Reggio, returned, reporting nothing remains of the city but ruins.

A Messina survivor arriving at Catania says only a small proportion of the total population escaped. Thousands of persons are still buried alive in the ruins, where they are suffering slow death by torture. Flames are still making their way slowly over the devastated area in an inexorable advance. The imprisoned and pinioned human beings, unable to extricate themselves, are being burned alive. Others are dying of injuries. Many are starving. The streets are filled with confused masses of bricks and mortar, beams, furniture, chimneys and roofs. In many cases the streets appear as enormous crevasses, twisted into fantastic shapes. The celebrated Avenue Palazzati, which runs along the sea front from the university to the post-office, is quite impassable. All public monuments have entirely disappeared.

Calamity Grows.

The calamity grows with the receipt of every fresh dispatch from the south. Calabria is dotted with small towns and villages and new localities are reporting almost hourly casualty lists that run from hundreds into thousands. It is still impossible to reach any accurate estimate of the dead, but the total number is placed anywhere between 100,000 and 150,000. In some quarters it is declared the final numbers will be high as 200,000 persons. One-half the population of Calabria and eastern Sicily has apparently perished.

Countless thousands of wounded men, women and children are dying in the ruins. It is utterly impossible to succor them all.

Completely Wiped Out.

Catanzaro, Calabria, Dec. 30.—Report received here says the town of Bagnara, on the coast to the north of Reggio, have been completely wiped out, fire finishing the work of destruction. The report says: "All the inhabitants of Bagnara are dead." The town had about 10,000 people. In a few days time will be scattered over the heap of ruins, which alone mark the site of a once populous town.

Bishop Sessums Missing.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Rt. Rev. David Sessums, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Louisiana, is believed by members of his diocese to have been at Messina at the time of the earthquake. Nothing has been heard from him.

Load Enters Neck.

Dukedom, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Carl Olive, a youth, was accidentally killed by his comrade, Jodie Williams.

MASONIC TEMPLE.

Committee Instructed to Make Final Arrangements to Build.

At a meeting of the Bryan lodge of Masons held last night, the building committee, composed of Messrs. W. E. Saunders, J. W. Batts, H. G. Rhodes, E. J. Fountain and J. S. Dean submitted a report to the lodge which was accepted, and the committee was instructed to close final arrangements for the erection of the temple, which will be situated on Main street, between the opera house and Carnegie Hall, opposite the Exchange hotel.

The plans of the building have been submitted and accepted. The temple is to be three stories high. The first floor will be leased for mercantile purposes, the second floor will be used for offices and the lodge room will be situated on the third floor.

The estimated cost of the building is \$12,000.

TWIN CALVES IN PAIRS

Four Cows Give Birth to Eight Calves Within a Few Days.

Out of a bunch of eight milk cows, grade Durhams, owned by A. T. Wooten, a well-known farmer fifteen miles southwest of Fort Worth, on the Clear Fork, four of them have given birth to twin calves within the past thirty days.

Seven of the eight twins are now alive and thriving, one of them having been drowned in the Clear Fork. When born the eight calves were almost full sized and since then have gained weight and size rapidly. The last pair of twins was born Christmas day and the first pair only three weeks before that time. They are all from three-quarter Durham cows by a full blood Durham bull.—Fort Worth Star.

At the poultry show now in progress at Houston Mr. C. E. Jenkins of Bryan won first on cocks, first on cockerels, first and second on hens, first, second and third on pullets, and second on pen. Mr. John B. Mike has a bronze turkey on exhibition which weighs exactly 60 pounds.

Messrs. Carl Cole, Ed Sims, Alf Patterson, H. V. Shields, Albert Worley, and L. Rushing returned yesterday afternoon from Madison county where they spent a few days hunting. They report a splendid time.

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